South Dakota Veterans Commission Meeting August 31, 2009 Lake Sharpe Room – Ramkota Hotel Pierre, South Dakota

Members present: Chairman Bill Locken, Commissioner Mike Birnbaum, Commissioner Paul Evenson, Commissioner Wade Hubbard, Commissioner Don Loudner, and Commissioner Gene Murphy.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM (CT), at the Lake Sharpe Room at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre, SD, by Chairman Locken.

The goal of this Commission meeting was to strategically discuss the role of the Commission and to develop a mission statement, a vision and goals for the Commission. After considerable discussion, the Commission drafted a mission statement, a vision, core values and goals for the Commission. This information will be presented to the Commission in October for formal adoption.

The Commission also reviewed and discussed the information they would like to see posted on the Commission portion of the Department's Web site. This information would be forwarded to staff.

The Commission discussed the procedure for handling of confidential information and materials and identified procedures to use.

The Commission reviewed calendars to determine if there would be another timeframe to reschedule the October Commission meeting. After review of all calendars it was determined that it would be best to leave the meeting as scheduled for October 15-16, 2009, in Hot Springs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

William Locken, Chairman

10/15/2009